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INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF UNCTAD
RESOLUTIONS

REF: (A) OECD PARIS 14301 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 141119
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FOR AIDAC AND ADCOR

1. RE US REPLIES TO UNCTAD LETTERS TD/977/1 AND
TD/977/2 SPECIFIED IN REFTEL A, RESPONSES IMPLICIT
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WITHIN REFTEL B BEING PASSED SEPARATELY. EXPLANATORY

BACKGROUND IS AS FOLLOWS.

2. THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT HAS FREQUENTLY SOUGHT TO IMPOSE PERIODIC REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ON GOVERNMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTIONS AS A WAY OF EXERTING PRESSURE ON THEM TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS. WE HAVE AVOIDED ACCEPTING ANY SUCH SPECIFIC REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY BY ASSERTING THAT ANY REFERENCES TO GENERAL REVIEWS OR SPECIFIC REPORTING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIFIC RESOLUTIONS ARE PRESUMED TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD RESOLUTION 19(II), WHICH GIVES GOVERNMENTS COMPLETE FREEDOM IN DECIDING ON BOTH THE FORM AND CONTENT OF REPORTS THEY WISH TO

MAKE ON ALL OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF UNCTAD. WE HAVE THEREFORE TRIED TO AVOID DIRECT RESPONSES TO UNCTAD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION SUCH AS THAT IN TD 977/2 RE LEAST DEVELOPED AND PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION ANNUALLY IN RESPONSE TO THE UNCTAD REQUEST IN CONNECTION WITH TDB RES. 19(II) AS WE HAVE DONE IN REFTEL B.

3. TDB RES 19(II) REQUESTS THE UNCTAD SECRETARY GENERAL "TO PREPARE ANNUALLY A REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE RATES OF GROWTH AND PROGRESS MADE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THEIR TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS." THE RES. REQUESTS "STATES MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION OF A KIND WHICH WILL ASSIST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE IN PREPARING SUCH A REPORT AND IN A FORM WHICH THEY WILL FIND APPROPRIATE OF ACTION TAKEN RELEVANT TO THE FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD AND ON THE BASIS OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE."

4. WE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT IN REFTEL B INFORMATION ABOUT US EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE LEAST DEVELOPED, BUT NO INFORMATION IS INCLUDED SPECIFICALLY REFERRING TO ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE US HAS OPPOSED IN THE UNCTAD THE IDENTIFICATION OF ISLAND DEVELOPING

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COUNTRIES AS A SEPARATE CATEGORY OF COUNTRIES DESERVING SPECIAL ATTENTION ACROSS THE BOARD TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND OPPOSED RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR SUCH ATTENTION. INGERSOLL

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